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REMARKS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of this Preliminary Amendment and submits the following remarks.

This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/481,579, filed January 12, 2001, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BLEED-PRINTING AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DECORATING A PAPER OBJECT, and now pending, which is a division of application serial no. 09/004,533, filed January 8, 1998, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BLEED-PRINTING AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DECORATING A PAPER OBJECT, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,106,651 on August 22, 2000, which in turn is a continuation of application No. 08/444,958, filed May 19, 1995, entitled METHOD FOR BLEED PRINTING, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,730,826 on March 24, 1998.

Claims 1-5 have been cancelled and claims 6-24 are newly presented.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and favorable action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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